



**2019-21  
State Budget  
Webinar**

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May 20, 2019



# Joint Finance Committee Members

## Assembly

- ❖ Rep. John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair
- ❖ Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton), Vice-Chair
- ❖ Rep. Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam)
- ❖ Rep. Mike Rohrkaste (R-Neenah)
- ❖ Rep. Terry Katsma (R- Oostburg)
- ❖ Rep. Shannon Zimmerman (R-River Falls)
- ❖ Rep. Chris Taylor (D- Madison)
- ❖ Rep. Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee)

## Senate

- ❖ Sen. Alberta Darling (R-River Hills), Co-Chair
- ❖ Sen. Luther Olsen (R-Ripon), Vice-Chair
- ❖ Sen. Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst)
- ❖ Sen. Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green)
- ❖ Sen. Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville)
- ❖ Sen. Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg)
- ❖ Sen. LaTonya Jonson (D-Milwaukee)
- ❖ Sen. Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton)





Action from  
week of

May 13



# Levy Limits

- ▶ Governor Evers proposed a 2% levy limit in his budget
- ▶ JCF removed the levy limit provision along with over 100 other items in its first action on the budget
- ▶ Last week, JCF concluded its work on shared revenue and tax relief without adjusting the levy limit law (exception for stormwater mgmt.)

# DHS/ Medicaid

- ▶ JCF last week intended to take up multiple areas of the budget related to Medicaid and the Dept. of Health Services
- ▶ Of particular interest to WCA were items impacting public health and income maintenance
- ▶ JCF did not take up any DHS-related issues last week and is likely to revisit these issues at the same time as other Medicaid items (e.g., expansion)

# DHS/ Medicaid

- ▶ Items the JCF were scheduled to take up
  - ▶ Dementia care specialists
  - ▶ Birth to 3 program expansion
  - ▶ Healthy aging grants
- ▶ JCF was also scheduled to take up Medicaid Services Administration
  - ▶ WCA request to the JCF to increase the income maintenance administration allocation, as well as IM fraud funding

# 911 Funding

- ▶ WCA is seeking a \$7 million grant program to assist in the upgrading of local 911 equipment
- ▶ Last week, the Dept. of Military Affairs made public that an additional \$10 million annually is needed for the statewide ESInet
- ▶ While Rep. Loudenbeck and Sen. Marklein intended to introduce an amendment to the budget creating a county grant program, the DMA request led to confusion and uncertainty
- ▶ WCA is hopeful this issue will be revisited by JCF

# Office of Emergency Communications

- ▶ The Governor's budget proposed moving the Office of Emergency Communications from DMA to DOT
- ▶ This would have included WISCOM, NG911, and FirstNet
- ▶ WCA opposed the transfer
- ▶ JCF retained the Office of Emergency Communications at DMA



# Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

- ▶ Governor's budget **eliminates** the sunset date (June 30, 2021) for the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Replacement or Rehabilitation Program
- ▶ The Joint Committee on Finance(JCF) reinstated the sunset for the program and added \$185,000 of Program Revenue to fully fund applications received for POWTS applications in 2019-20.



# Agenda for week of

May 20



JCF will take action on the budgets of the following agencies:

- Tourism
- Circuit Courts
- Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court
- Judicial Commission
- Budget Management and Compensation Reserves
- Corrections -- Departmentwide
- Corrections -- Adult Correctional Institutions
- Corrections -- Community Corrections
- Public Instruction -- General School Aids and Revenue Limits
- Public Instruction -- Categorical Aids
- Public Instruction -- Choice, Charter, and Open Enrollment
- Public Instruction -- Administrative and Other Funding

# Courts Funding

- ▶ Criminal Justice Coalition seeking funding for multiple areas including additional ADAs, private bar rate, DOJ , etc.
- ▶ WCA and the Coalition are requesting \$7.5 million over the biennium to offset the increased court-appointed attorney compensation rate (effective January 2020)
- ▶ The additional funding, if approved, would be distributed through the circuit court support payments

# Public Library System Aids

- ▶ FY19 public library system aid totaled \$16,013,100 SEG from the universal service fund
  - ▶ Includes \$1 million in one-time funding
- ▶ Governor's budget provides \$2.5 million SEG in FY20 and \$4 million in FY21 above base level funding of \$15,013,100 SEG

# BUDGET RESOURCES



## LFB Website:

[www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb](http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb)

- Click “Publications”
  - Budget Papers
    - 2019-21 Biennial Budget
      - LFB prepares “budget papers” or summaries
      - Each paper **includes**:
        - Current law or status of item
        - Summary of Governor’s proposal
        - Discussion points
        - Alternatives



# OTHER RESOURCES

- Both The Wheeler Report and WisPolitics also have public websites.
- **The Wheeler Report:** [www.thewheelerreport.com](http://www.thewheelerreport.com)
- **WisPolitics:** [www.wispolitics.com](http://www.wispolitics.com)
- **WisconsinEye:** [www.wiseye.org](http://www.wiseye.org)
  - WisconsinEye shows committee meeting and the Legislature live.
- **Wisconsin Counties Association:** [www.wicounties.org](http://www.wicounties.org)
  - All WCA budget documents and memos are available under the “Legislative” tab.





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# THANKS!

## Any questions?

You can also email your questions to any member of the WCA Government Affairs staff.